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Dated: April 26, 1999.

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*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Cotton Shop Towels From Peru: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Five-Year Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of five-year ("sunset") review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the sunset review on the suspended countervailing duty investigation on cotton shop towels from Peru. Based on adequate responses from domestic and respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting a full sunset review to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. As a result of this extension, the Department intends to issue its preliminary results not later than July 23, 1999.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### Extension of Preliminary Results

The Department has determined that the sunset review of the suspended countervailing duty investigation on cotton shop towels from Peru is extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit

for completion of the preliminary results of this review until not later than July 23, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act. The final results of this review will, therefore, be due not later than November 30, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Market Development Cooperator Program

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration (ITA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** ITA promotes U.S. exports and works to improve the global competitiveness of the United States, creating jobs for Americans. ITA administers the Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP) to build public/private export marketing partnerships. The MDCP is a competitive matching grants program that provides federal assistance to export multipliers such as state trade departments, trade associations, chambers of commerce, world trade centers and other non-profit industry organizations that are particularly effective in reaching small-and medium-size enterprises (SMEs). MDCP awards help to underwrite the start-up costs of new export promotion ventures which these groups are often reluctant to undertake without federal government support.

The MDCP aims to:

- Challenge the private sector to think strategically about foreign markets;
- Be the catalyst that spurs private-sector innovation and investment in export marketing; and
- Increase the number of American companies, particularly SMEs, taking decisive export actions.

The advantage of a joint effort is that it permits the federal government to pool expertise and funds with non-federal sources so that each maximizes its market development resources. Partnerships of this sort can provide a sharper focus on long-term export market development than do traditional trade promotion activities. These partnerships also serve as a mechanism

for improving government-industry relations.

While ITA sponsors, guides and partially funds MDCP projects, ITA expects applicants to develop, initiate and provide matching funding to carry out market development project activities. As an active partner, ITA will, as appropriate, provide assistance that the applicant identifies as essential to the achievement of project goals and objectives. U.S. industry is best able to assess its problems and needs in the foreign marketplace and to recommend innovative solutions and programs that can be the formula to success in international trade.

Examples of activities that might be included in an applicant's project proposal are described below under "Program Description." No one or any combination of these activities must be included for a proposal to receive favorable consideration. ITA encourages applicants to propose activities that (1) would be most appropriate to the market development needs of their industry or industries; and (2) display the imagination and innovation of the applicants working in partnership with the government to obtain the maximum market development impact.

A public meeting will be held to provide general information to potential applicants regarding MDCP procedures, selection process, and proposal preparation. No discussion of specific proposals will occur at this meeting. Attendance at this public meeting by potential applicants is not required.

**DATES: Public Meeting:** ITA will hold a public meeting to discuss MDCP proposal preparation, procedures, and selection process on May 21, 1999. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1863, at the Herbert Clark Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Pre-Application Counseling:** The Office of Planning, Coordination and Resource Management (OPCRM) is available to answer questions regarding the application process. ITA invites all prospective applicants to contact OPCRM as soon as possible with any questions about application requirements, evaluation factors, and the selection process. Prospective applicants are particularly encouraged to seek advice on their eligibility to apply for and receive MDCP funding. Applicants with questions are advised to continue working on their proposals. Absolutely no extensions of the deadline for submitting complete applications will be granted.

**Applications:** Complete applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m.